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WHAT'S DOING IN THE 4-H CLUBS

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A radio talk by J. A. Evans, in charge of the Southern States, Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture, delivered through a network of 51 radio stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Saturday, October 3, 1931.

Good afternoon, 4-H club members, and friends:

It has been some time since I talked with you about what the 4-H clubs are doing. There has been plenty doing, I assure you.

Right now, this very week, we are welcoming to Washington Mary Todd, of Clarke County, Georgia, and Andy Colebank of Shelby County, Tennessee. They are to be with us at the Department of Agriculture for nine months. They are the first two former club members to be awarded \$1,000 fellowships for study by the Payne Fund of New York City. They were selected for this honor because of their high scholastic record, excellence in 4-H club work, and the promise which they give, of becoming rural leaders. They will give half of their time to a study of the Department of Agriculture and other government departments, and the other half to special subjects.

Boys and girls of thirteen eastern States are just back from Camp Vail, at Springfield, Mass. where they spent a week full of activity and fun, under the eye of genial George Farley.

Maine club boys and girls held their first State 4-H club camp last month, at Lewiston. They enjoyed having their own show, and what with judging contests, recreational games, booth duty, tours and parades, they were mighty busy.

Health is being made the big H in Rhode Island and Minnesota this year. Both are determined that they shall have the healthiest boys and girls in the Union. In Virginia, the club girls at the State Short Course ruled that it will be a disgrace to have a cold this coming year. Regular exercise, sensible clothing, plenty of milk and green vegetables. These, they say will keep colds away.

Older 4-H club members of Minnesota are continuing their interest by forming home partnerships. In these partnerships, father or mother and the boy or girl each contributes to the work done, and each shares in the profits. Partnerships like this make it easy for the young people to stay on the home farm. With the same idea in mind Vermont has organized post-graduate clubs for older boys and girls. The members of these clubs are studying such things as production and marketing problems, budgeting, and social etiquette. Once a student, they say, always a student.

Here are some new one's in club work. Hawaii has five coffee-raising clubs and one frog-raising club. A few years ago the agricultural experiment station imported bull frogs into Hawaii to feed on certain insects, so this club is helping to fight insect pests and at the same time making money supplying the frog-leg market. Morgan County, Utah, has a sauerkraut club and a good one. It's members grew 23 tons of cabbage per acre. This was 6.6 tons per acre better than the county average.

Alaska, the baby extension territory, recently organized another 4-H club. Two of its members are making small chilcat blankets. If you have not seen a chilcat blanket you can have no idea how intricate it is. It is made of goat hair, and bark, and wool yarn. Since only a few natives of Alaska know how to make them, they are very valuable.

Hawaii held its Second Territorial 4-H Club Week in June. It took one group of the delegates to the Territorial Camp 22 hours to make the trip. Study your map of Hawaii and you'll see why.

The 4-H club departments at all the State and county fairs have been the liveliest spots this year. I wonder if you boys and girls realize how much we older folks love to see you at the fairs, showing the world what you have done. It gives us new hope and courage, just to see you. We are hearing, too, of fairs where 4-H boys and girls are doing much to make the whole fair a success. At the Whatcom County, Washington, fair this year, everything was managed by the 600 4-H club members in the county. There were no admission fees, and production and utility were emphasized rather than show-ring qualifications.

Oregon club members have produced a dollar dinner - not a dollar for one but a good, substantial dollar dinner for four. That's the kind of a dinner, we have all been looking for. Good for Oregon.

We are getting now toward the close of another year. For some it has been difficult. For others things have gone better. But whether better or worse let's come through for club work 100 percent. Don't fail to turn in your report. Your county extension agent will then know that you appreciated the help he has given you. Finish the year, as strong as you can. Good-bye and good luck.